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To the Men And Women of Great Britain

YOU are now being called upon to take part in the most cruel war in the history of the world.

One that need never have taken place. One that could have been avoided even in the very last days of the crisis, had we had a People's Government in Britain.

Now that the war has come, we have no hesitation in stating the policy of the Communist Party.

We are in support of all necessary measures to secure the victory of democracy over Fascism.

But Fascism will not be defeated by the Chamberlain Government.

The first and most vital step to victory is a new Government in which the key positions are in the hands of trusted representatives of the people who have neither imperialist aims, nor latent sympathies with Fascism.

This is absolutely vital for any success in a war against Fascism abroad and the friends of Fascism in Britain.

Indeed, the essence of the present situation is that the people have now to wage a struggle on two fronts. First, to secure the military victory over Fascism; and second, in order to achieve this, the political victory over Chamberlain and the enemies of democracy in this country. These two aims are inseparable, and

...harder the efforts to win one, the more sustained must be the activity to win the other.

The successful carrying through of these aims demands that a clear policy of defence must be placed before the people of Britain.

For The Defence of The People

THE Communist Party, which always fights for the complete liberation of the people from capitalism and for Socialism, places its proposals before the British people.

(1) That Britain in taking part in this war must have no secret aims, no imperialist designs of its own, and no secret understanding with any of the Fascist forces;

that it will do all in its power to help the peoples to establish democratic governments in the Fascist countries involved in war;

that it will restore the democratic independence of Austria and Czechoslovakia;

that the Peace will be based on no indemnities and no annexations.

(2) The securing of an immediate conference of all democratic Powers, including the Socialist Soviet Union and the U.S.A., to obtain their fullest co-operation in the winning of a war against Fascism.

(3) No Emergency Powers Acts that are directed against the working-class movement. Freedom of speech, Press and organisation for all who are for the defeat of Fascism.

(4) Extension of full democratic rights to the colonial peoples.

(5) Immediate introduction of democracy in all the armed forces, their right to meet, discuss, study and read the newspapers and publications of their choice. Absolute right of promotion from the ranks to the position of officers, free from all class privilege and solely on the basis of merit and capacity.

(6) The immediate mobilisation of all essential labour for the construction of deep bomb-proof shelters for the people. Democratic control of the whole of the ARP system and all other civilian organisations of defence.

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PEACE or WAR?

To the Men and Women of Great Britain

IN the coming days fateful decisions will be taken which will determine the issue of life or death for millions.

The anger of the people is rising against the Chamberlains, Simons and Hoares, the enemies of the people: for their help to Fascism and their refusal of a peace front with the Socialist Soviet Union has involved us in this war.

The anger of the people is rising against the reactionaries and profiteers, who are using this war to fill their pockets and plunder the people.

The anger of the people is rising against the enemies of democracy, who now parade as champions of democracy against Fascism and clamour for the continuance of the war for their reactionary aims.

The Communist Party, which has always stood in the forefront of the struggle for peace and against Fascism, declares:—

The continuance of this war is not in the interests of the people of Britain, France or Germany.

End this war before it has brought death and destruction upon millions and millions of people, before the flower of our youth is slaughtered.

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THE truth about this war must be told. This war is not a war for democracy against Fascism. It is not a war for the liberties of small nations. It is not a war for the defence of peace against aggression.

These phrases on the lips of the enemies of democracy, the Chamberlains and the Churchills, the Daladiers and Bonnets, the oppressors of the colonial peoples, are hypocrisy and deception of the people.

The British and French ruling class are seeking to use the anti-Fascist sentiments of the people for their own imperialist aims. By their deeds they have shown that they do not stand for democracy against Fascism. If they did, they would have stood by democracy in Spain and Czechoslovakia. If they did, the British ruling class would have granted the demand of India for democracy.

By their deeds the British and French ruling class have shown that they do not stand for the defence of peace against aggression. If they did they would have agreed to the peace front, which would have prevented this war.

The responsibility for the present imperialist war lies equally on all the warring Powers.

This war is a fight between imperialist powers over profits, colonies and world domination.

This war will bring only great suffering and boundless misery to millions of working-class persons.

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[illegible] humbug and hypocrisy for Chamberlain to pose as the [illegible] who will "overthrow Hitlerism." Chamberlain and the British reactionaries helped to create Hitler Fascism.

So long as they hoped that Hitler's aggression would be directed against the Soviet Union, against democracy and Socialism, they helped Hitler. They financed Hitler. They armed Hitler. They assisted him to strangle the small nations. They cleared the path for his aggression.

There is nothing the British and French ruling class would fear more than the defeat of reaction in Germany. They fear the triumph of the German people. When they speak of the "overthrow of Hitlerism," they mean the setting up of some other kind of reactionary government which will be their servant and carry out their anti-Soviet aims.

The British people will not allow themselves to be used as Chamberlain's tool.

The struggle of the British people against the Chamberlains and Churchills is the best help to the struggle of the Germans against Hitler.

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WHEN Chamberlain speaks of continuing the war for the purpose of the "restoration of Poland," he means the return to power of the semi-Fascist Government, of Colonel Beck and General Sikorski. He means the return of the landlords and generals who oppressed the Polish workers and peasants and national minorities.

Whilst the British and French workers have warm sympathy with all sections of the Polish people now suffering under the jack-boot of the brutal Nazi invaders they will not allow themselves to be used as the instruments of Chamberlain's and Daladier's aims.

The British workers will condemn the despicable action of Cham-

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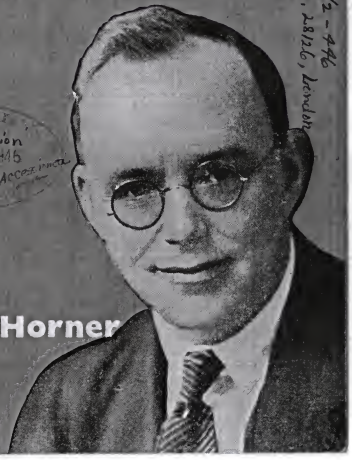

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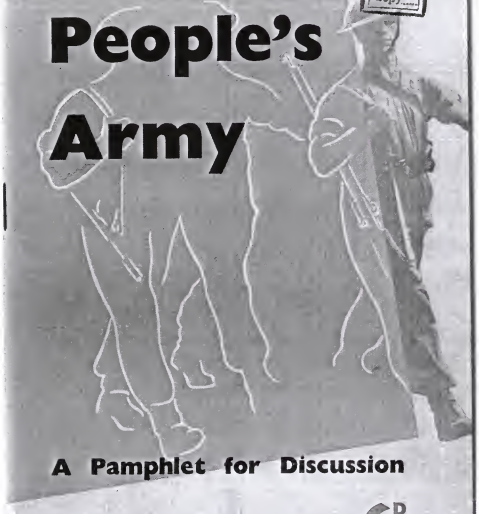

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Labour's Foreign Policy

by HARRY POLLITT

Secretary of the Communist Party

IT would be a profound mistake to allow the Anglo-Soviet debates at the United Nations Organisation's first conference to create a wrong impression that U.N.O. has had a bad start, and that the widely raised hopes that it can be moulded into the organisation that can preserve world peace are not going to be fulfilled.

The fact that in such a short time after the end of the war it has been possible for fifty-one nations to come together is the proof both of the tremendous pressure of the people that war shall be finally outlawed, and also the proof that they will compel a successful solution of present difficult and complicated problems.

Already the U.N.O. conference, both in the deliberations of the Assembly, Security Council and various Commissions, has accomplished a great deal of positive value that undoubtedly prepares the way for the success of the Peace Conference in May.

When we consider the character of the reactionary opposition to U.N.O., organised as it is on a formidable world scale, these developments are encouraging for the future success of U.N.O.

Naturally, much of its work has been overshadowed by the character of the debates on Persia and Greece. The differences existing between Britain and the Soviet Union must inevitably cause uneasiness to all those who had hoped that with the coming to power of a Labour Government the Twenty-Year Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Britain and the Soviet Union would not remain a paper document, but one in which there would be the closest co-operation between the two countries on all outstanding political and economic questions.

So far the contrary has turned out to be the case, and public opinion is puzzled as to how it can come about that all Mr. Bevin's well-known fury is directed against the Soviet Union and not against Fascist Spain and Portugal, or against reaction everywhere, which is visibly resurrecting fascism in new forms and under new guises.

People who are seriously watching international developments wonder why Britain can make new trade agreements with fascist Spain and arrive at a complete deadlock so far as trade with the Soviet Union is concerned. They wonder why Mr. Bevin fails to see, for example, the difference between Rumania and Yugoslavia when he is debating with Mr. Vyshinsky.

They also cannot understand why the Government is paying out £500,000 a week keeping General Anders' Polish Army in Italy, where it is terrorising the population, destroying working-class premises and preventing free elections. Indeed, according to a well-informed article in the Tory *Spectator* of February 1st, a point has now been reached where its correspondent in Italy writes:

> "It should be added that the Italian working-class parties have the strictest instructions to avoid every provocation, instructions which people on the Right, of course, regard as purely tactical, but these same people on the Right bear witness to the violence of the Poles. It comes to this: that the progressive Italian parties can no longer hold meetings where there are Polish troops, and this on the eve of the first free elections to be held in Italy since 1921."
>
> "There is little that the Italians can do; by the terms of the armistice they must still obey Allied orders in police and military matters, and the Polish Army is technically a section of the British Army for which the Italians have only to foot the bill. But the impression generally made is that there are officers in Italy who are sufficiently careless or ignorant of East European affairs as to give Warsaw and Moscow a case for doubting the sincerity of London."

This situation, together with the presence of British troops in Indonesia and Greece; the reluctance to purge the administration apparatus in the British Occupied Zone in Germany and Austria of known Nazis, all give rise to a position in which attacks on the Soviet Union are the smoke screen to try and prevent the British people from realising the dangers of Britain becoming once again—only this time under a Labour Government—the buttress and support of rising reaction.

We notice that Michael Foot, M.P., ex-leader-writer for the Beaverbrook Press, ex-editor of one of Beaverbrook's newspapers, has now become the apologist of the Foreign Office.

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1,000 Companies make £270 million this year

Where do you come in?

It is announced that 1,063 companies made £270 millions profit during the first year of the Labour Government.

The same firms made £257 millions profit during the year before.

They are making more profit under Labour than they did with the Tories in the saddle.

This is not what the people wanted to happen when they voted Labour. They want more money for themselves, not for the rich.

How much longer are the employers to go on piling profits and resisting wage increases?

Labour was given power to raise the standard of living of working people.

This can be done only by breaking into the profits of the rich.

Labour must use its power. Start raising the standard of living by insisting on wage increases now.

Take the cost of wage increases out of profits. Don't take it back from the workers by letting prices rise.

Compel the employers to make industry more efficient.

Higher production of the goods the people need, with higher wages to buy the goods: this is the way to security and full employment: the kind of Britain you voted for.

NICE WORK, IF YOU CAN GET IT

For every £1,000 profit made by the rich in 1938, they were making £1,900 profit in 1945. The economist, Dr. Barna, estimates total business profits in 1938 at £1,286 millions, in 1944 at £2,398 millions, and if it goes on at the same rate, in 1950 it will be £2,680 millions.

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Break with Franco Spain

4½ million Trade Unionists Urge Government action

AT the Trades Union Congress recently, a resolution demanding that the Government should end all trade and diplomatic relations with Franco Spain, was carried by the overwhelming majority of four-and-a-half million votes.

Spain is a fascist country. Dictator General Franco would be quickly overthrown if it were not for the help he gets from abroad.

Before the war, he depended on Hitler and Mussolini. Today he looks to Britain and America for help—**and is getting it.**

Every cargo of goods from Britain to Spain or from Spain to Britain, helps to maintain General Franco in power.

The campaign to bring about Franco's downfall is spreading through the world. The World Federation of Trade Unions, representing 60 million organised workers, has urged the United Nations to outlaw Franco Spain.

In America, New Zealand, France, Russia, Iran, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Mexico and Sweden, in addition to Britain, powerful trade union organisations, speaking for the majority of organised workers in these countries, are backing the demand that Franco must go.

Back the campaign to get rid of Franco! No trade with Spain. No goods out of British factories, no goods on British railways, docks or ships to bolster up the fascist tyrant! Call on the Government: Break with Franco Spain!

Do you know . . .

- In 1936 Spain was a Republic with a democratic government elected by the people.
- In July, 1936, Franco and other army leaders rebelled and started civil war.
- Hitler and Mussolini supported Franco with guns, planes, tanks and men.
- The Spanish Government asked for arms and goods from Britain, but was refused.
- The Spanish Republic fought for three years, but was defeated.
- The British Labour movement tried to change the Tory Government's policy, demanding arms and food for Spain against fascism.
- Two thousand British volunteers fought for the Republic in the Communist-organised International Brigade. 500 were killed.

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Higher Education

THE solution of Britain's economic and social problems on a democratic basis depends on the conscious participation of ordinary people in the common struggle for a common goal —a planned and prosperous Britain.

The production drive demands drastic improvement in the technical level and organisation of industry, leaving pre-war standards far behind. Labour's social programme calls for thousands more doctors, teachers and town planners. Britain's whole future demands an active, informed movement of the people.

Education can no longer be treated as a luxury or a privilege for the few. The finest investment in the future of Britain is to make full use of the skill and intelligence of every man and woman in the country. To this end the schools and colleges must do three things:

1. Develop social understanding and responsibility, as befits the citizens of a democratic country in a democratic world.
2. Train experts and specialists in every branch of human activity, so that knowledge may be advanced and used for the common good.
3. Give opportunity to all—women equally with men—so that individual personality may flourish and latent ability develop freely in a cultured community.

What is needed, therefore, is a comprehensive system of education, free to all and open on the basis of merit alone.

In the field of higher education—comprising the universities and the specialised colleges of all kinds —wealth and position still command advantages that must be swept away. The influence of big business over teaching and research, especially in science, must be replaced by democratic administration in the public interest.

All forms of higher education need to be rapidly expanded. Britain before the Second World War had one university student to every 885 of the population, the lowest proportion of any advanced industrial country (compare France: one to 480; U.S.S.R.: one to 300; U.S.A.: one to 125). On scientific research Britain spent 0.1 per cent of her national income, compared with 0.6 per cent in the U.S.A. and 0.8 per cent in the U.S.S.R. Training and research were especially neglected in the social sciences and in some of the new branches of knowledge.

These figures are a damning indictment of the past, which shares with the Second World War responsibility for the present crisis. The way forward is along the road to a planned and modernised economy. The logic of events and the pressure of the Labour movement are combining to urge the Government along this path. But so far there has been little recognition of the central position that education and science must occupy in such an economy.

A national plan for higher education is urgently required. These proposals are put forward for the consideration of all who are interested in the future of Britain, and especially for the Labour movement and the educational world.

A NATIONAL PLAN

The increased Government interest in higher education since Labour came to power is to be warmly welcomed. The university grant, authorised by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has grown from £2 millions pre-war to £9½ millions in 1946-47 and £12 millions in 1947-48. The terms of reference of the University Grants Committee have been extended to allow for a general survey of national needs and how they can be met. Regional Advisory Councils have been established to co-ordinate the provision of higher technological education and of further education (i.e., education of non-university standard in technical, commercial, art subjects, etc.). The Further Education and Training Scheme has ensured a college education to thousands of ex-Service men and women who would otherwise have gone without.

There is also a new spirit abroad in the universities. A recent memorandum from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals recognises the duty of the Government to supervise the work of the universities, and calls for "the planning and development of a full range of university service." Many universities have started on ambitious expansion schemes, and some at least hope to double their pre-war student population within five years.

But at the best this is only piecemeal planning. The allocation of State grants is not accompanied by targets for expansion in relation to the needs in various fields. The university plans leave out of account the technical and municipal colleges and the other institutions of higher education. There is little sense of urgency, and therefore emergency measures and improvisations are not introduced to meet

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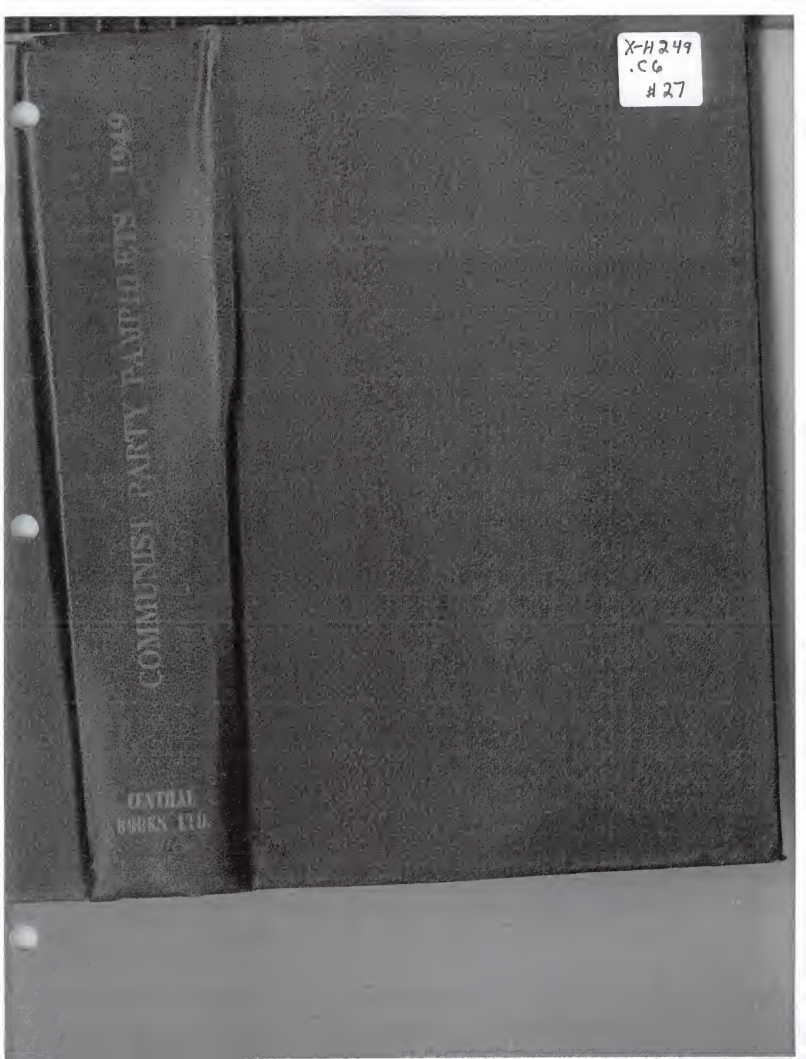
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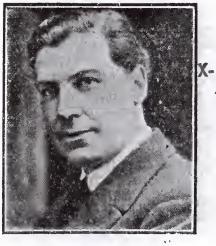

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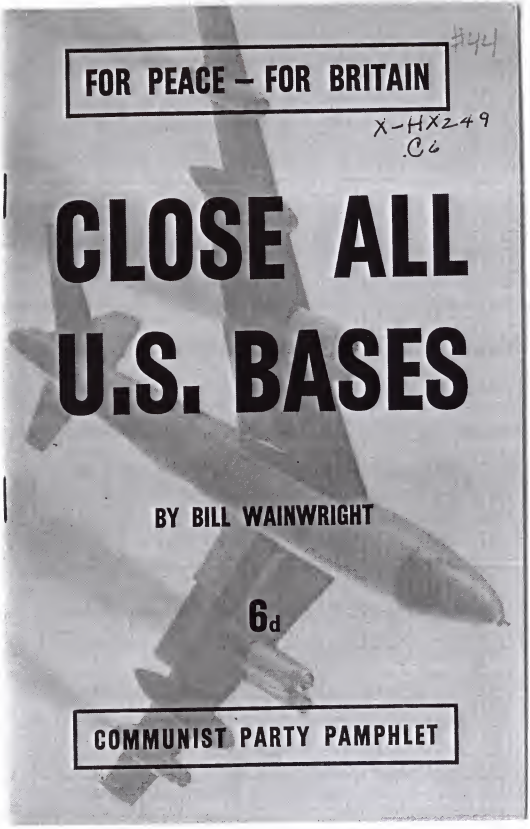
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OLD AGE UNDER THE TORIES

TO RETIRE . . . to be able to ease up after a lifetime of work! This should be something to look forward to. Instead the Tories have made it something for working people to dread.

Trying to exist on the present pension—50s. a week for the single pensioner and £4 a week for a married couple—means living from day to day, scraping, scrimping, often actually starving.

Fat pensions for the rich . . .

Of course—as always under the Tories—it's all right for the upper class. When the surplus army officers were being retired two years ago, a brigadier could get £8,700 down, *plus* a pension at the age of forty-four. And take as many well-paid directorships as he was offered without losing a farthing off his pension.

. . . not for working people

But what's it like when working people retire? The Welfare Officer of Salford City summed it up in 1957 after making a detailed survey of the plight of Salford's pensioners:—

> "Repair of footwear is a luxury. A hot mid-day meal six days a week a miracle. Warm winter clothes a mere fancy. Elderly couples practically living on bread, margarine, tea, potatoes and then more bread. . . . There is no doubt that a simple answer to their problem would be more money."

TORY HUMBUG

"The old people ought to have saved", say the well-fed rich. What hypocrisy! The pensioners of today are the very people who were thrown out of work in their millions during the 1930's, and forced to live on the dole. "The country can't afford to increase pensions." This is the cry all the time. What a lie it is! The rich have never been so well off, their profits never so big; and every year hundreds of millions of pounds are being spent on H-bombs and other weapons.

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NATIONALISATION and YOU

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The Tories and big employers have been spending hundreds of thousands of pounds in an all-out propaganda drive to convince YOU that nationalisation is a failure.

"Look how much in debt the nationalised industries are," they say. "It's private industry that keeps the wheels turning."

Behind the Tory Campaign

What are the big employers frightened of? They don't spend money for nothing. Nationalisation must be a key question.

It is indeed. Any government that really intends to use the country's wealth to improve life for the people, must be able to plan how to make all the goods the people need. It has to make sure that the profits from industry don't go back into the pockets of a few rich men, but benefit all the people.

That means taking the basic industries out of the hands of the millionaires, and nationalising them.

The Tories know that once that happens, it could well mean the end of their whole system, their life of luxury. They would never again be able to wreck any plans for changing Britain.

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GENERAL ELECTION MANIFESTO

COMMUNIST POLICY FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY

IF we are to ensure full employment, decent wages, security in old age and a lasting peace, far-reaching changes are needed in the way that Britain's affairs are run. We have now the chance to vote for such changes. And if we elect a government that will set the country firmly on the road to peace and increasing prosperity, the effects will be felt not only in Britain, but throughout the world.

Tory policy

The Tories are posing as men of peace, the Party to represent Britain at the summit. What are the realities and results of Tory policy? Suez, Cyprus and colonial repression and shocking brutality in Africa. Britain has become America's main bomber and missile base for nuclear war. There are more nuclear weapons here per square mile than in any other country. The Tories want to give Adenauer nuclear arms. If the Tories are returned, peace will never be assured. They are the champions of the cold war and the use of force. They cannot be trusted to represent Britain at the summit.

The Tories claim that their policy is leading to prosperity and opportunity for all. Prosperity and opportunity yes—for the rich to make more millions in take-over bids, in soaring rents, and in record profits and dividends, while the Tories threaten the trade unions. Where is the opportunity for the miners, the cotton workers and the aircraft workers? Or prosperity for the old-age pensioners, the unemployed and their families? In fact Britain's economy has been stagnating and declining under the Tories. Our basic industries face severe crisis. Unemployment is growing again. Britain's economic and technical future demands an end to Tory rule.

Britain for peace

New opportunities to end the cold war now exist. To grasp them Britain must speak as a free and independent country, tied neither to N.A.T.O. war plans nor to America. We need a government that will end the testing and manufacture of the H-bomb now, close all U.S. bases in Britain, make sure the West German generals never get nuclear arms, and cut Britain's arms expenditure by half. It must press for an immediate summit meeting, and work untiringly for international agreement to end all tests and ban all nuclear weapons. It must support a peaceful settlement in Berlin, and a peace treaty with the two German states. Instead of carrying on the cold war, let Britain sign a non-aggression pact with the Soviet Union.

Plan for prosperity

If our economy is left in the hands of the millionaires, whose concern is their own profits, the jobs and living standards of all of us will be at the mercy of booms and slumps. Automation will certainly mean short time and unemployment. Britain needs a government that will take the nation's industries out of the hands of the rich, and use the country's wealth for the people's benefit.

This is the Communist policy to guarantee the future

- First, higher wages, pensions and benefits. If people have more to spend, this will help to keep the factories, offices and shops going.
- Then the shorter working week—40 hours in general, with 35 hours for miners. This must be coupled with a socialist policy for industry and trade.
- Re-nationalise steel and road transport. Nationalise engineering, shipbuilding, building and building materials, chemicals and textiles, the banks and big insurance companies. But nationalisation of a different kind, with compensation drastically cut, with governing boards composed of workers and technicians and no private company directors.
- There must be no pit closures, and no sackings elsewhere. Alternative work should be found, without loss of pay.
- Overseas trade would be fully encouraged and developed, by ending all bans on East-West trade; and granting low-interest loans to the newly independent peoples in Africa and the Middle East.

Houses for all at low rents

400,000 new houses and flats, for letting, at rents the people could afford! This would be a practical possibility, with the building industry nationalised.

The Tory Rent Act would be repealed, and rent control and security from eviction introduced for council tenants as well.

Every encouragement would be given to local authorities. Start rebuilding, with 2 per cent housing loans and the restoration of the housing subsidy.

For those who want to buy homes, mortgage rates should be low.

A free health service

All health charges should be ended and £75 million a year spent on hospital building, providing a new general hospital in every region, and new maternity and mental hospitals. A start to be made on building health centres in the main cities. We need, too, a great extension of medical research on cancer, and rheumatism.

Comfort for the old people

The pensioners need more money now. £3 10s. per week at least, for every pensioner and an end to the Means Test. Small flats and homes should be built for them at low rents. Let them have cheap fuel and tobacco and special services such as home helps, cheap or free meals, and laundry facilities.

A good education for every child

This means above all, smaller classes, and ending selection at ten and eleven years.

Our aim is a far bigger school building programme, and the training of more teachers, so that all classes can be smaller (30 or less). The 11-plus exam-

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FINLAY HART, Communist candidate for Springburn, is a Clyde shipyard welder, who has devoted his life to the Labour movement, and the struggle for the advance of the working class to socialism. He is best known as a rank-and-file spokesman, having been chairman of the Clyde Shop Stewards Committee since the war, and a leading organiser in the tenants' movement.

Finlay, born on Clydeside in 1901, was at work before he was fourteen. At the age of sixteen he joined the old Socialist Labour Party.

He joined the newly-founded Communist Party in 1922, and formed the Clydebank branch.

Then for four years he travelled in Canada "doing everything under the sun to earn a living." In 1926 he came home, and ever since he has been engaged in working class activity.

Finlay works at Blythswood shipyard, Scotstoun. He has been Chairman of Clyde Welders' Advisory Committee since 1944, and is Chairman of Clyde District Committee of the Boilermakers' Union. He has been a spokesman of the Clydeside workers in all the industrial questions since the war.

He has played an outstanding part too in the fight of the tenants of the Scottish Special Housing Association, helping to lead the opposition last year to the proposed 110 per cent increase in rents.

Before the war Finlay was a Communist Councillor for Clydebank. He has contested the Parliamentary seat of Dumbarton West, and at the last general election stood for Springburn.

He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Communist Party, and Chairman of the Party's Scottish Committee.

He is fifty-eight years old, married, and has three children.

You need Communist MPs like FINLAY HART

You need them to ensure Peace and Prosperity

You've read our policy, and you must admit that it's a policy for real change. If the measures we've outlined here were carried out, then life would improve very much for people like us, and the future be full of hope.

One thing is clear, there can be no guarantee of peace, jobs and good wages unless we first get rid of the Tory Government, and get a Government that will act for the people, a Government that will carry through a policy like ours in face of Tory opposition.

A Labour Government on its own with its present policy won't do that. For that you need Communist M.P.s—men and women who will fight ceaselessly for peace, for jobs and higher wages, for more homes and against rent increases, for a chance for all the children, and for decent pensions, and who will never take "no" from the capitalist class.

No matter what the Labour candidate may think, time and time again he will have to do what he's told by the right-wing leaders of the Parliamentary Labour Party, if you elect him.

But Communist M.P.s belong to a Party that is working all the time for the policy we've put before you. This is the guarantee that a Communist M.P. would never give up the fight, would always put the needs of the people first, and refuse to knuckle under to the Tories. To put men and women like this into Parliament is the best way to strengthen the whole work of Labour M.P.s, and of all the organised workers.

Ours is a working class Party. Our aim is to curb the power of the millionaires, so that soon we can all start on the building of socialism here. We have an unbroken record of struggle for peace, for jobs, wages, pensions, for all the things that go to make a decent life.

We try to help lead that struggle all the time, wherever people are battling for their rights, for a better deal. We work with all those who want these things too. Our part in the struggle is well known in the factories; and this resolute, determined spirit is needed in Parliament too. It's time there were Communist M.P.s to carry on the fight for the people in Westminster, as they do on the factory floor.

Vote for the policy that means real change
Vote for the Communist Candidate—
put him in Parliament to fight for the working class

SOCIALISM

This policy you've been reading here would open the way to the most important change of all in the way Britain is run—to socialism, a land without millionaires, landlords, profiteers, employers, booms, slumps and war.

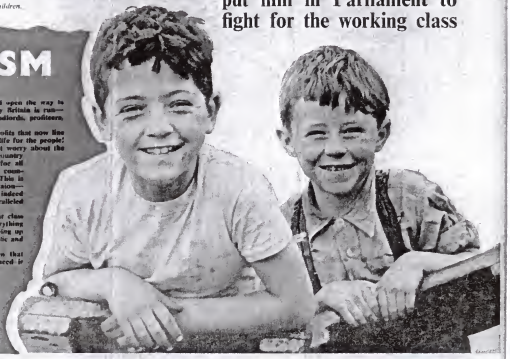
Just imagine what we could do if all the profits that now line the pockets of the rich were used to improve life for the people!

That's how it is under socialism. And don't worry about the ordinary people not being able to run the country without the millionaires. The proof is there for all to see, in what's happening in the socialist countries. Even Macmillan has had to admit it. This is what he said when he visited the Soviet Union—"The rate and quality of your progress are indeed extraordinary and—so far as I know—unparalleled in history."

What is the secret? They have no capitalist class living off the labour of the workers. So everything is forging ahead; no unemployment, wages going up and hours being shortened; tremendous scientific and educational advance.

That's socialism, our aim too. For we know that we could do better still in Britain. All we need is the political power to decide that things shall be run for the people. The first step is to end Tory rule, to clear them out of Parliament, and elect a majority of Labour and Communist M.P.s.

Communist M.P.s will never give up the struggle for the people. Their one aim will be to serve you and your family, and all others like you.



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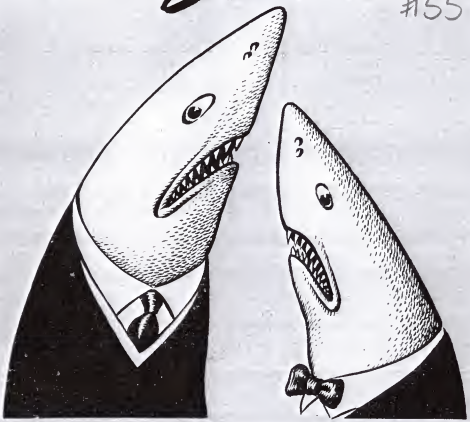

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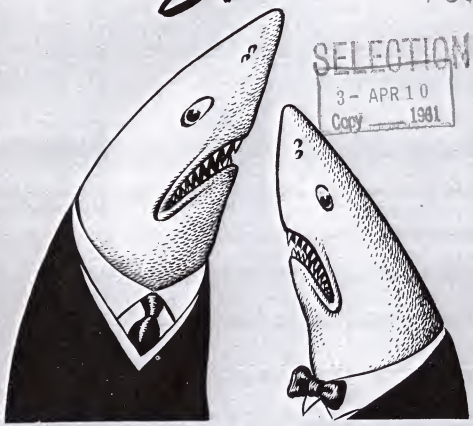

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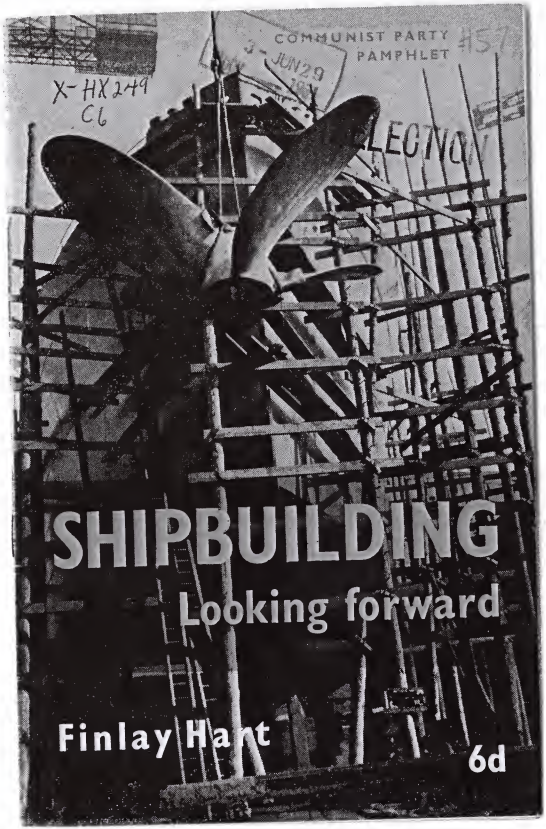
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The Communist answer

PROSPEROUS BRITAIN — that's what the Tories would have us believe! But the facts abont housing in 1960 Britain are so scandalons that they blow this story sky-high. When it comes to housing millions of people have never had it so bad.

One and a half million families (5 million men, women and children) on council waiting lists in England and Wales, with little hope of a good home for years to come!

Two million people in slum houses, many of them there for the next twenty years at the present rate of progress!

Millions more paying exorbitant rents—the highest on record, and threatened with eviction if they don't pay up!

How can anyone call this prosperity?

Those smug Tories

Remember what they said at the last election. "Our housing policy, **so successful in the past,** will be pressed ahead with vigour in the future. . . ."

What have they succeeded in doing?

Cutting back council house building, giving the landlords millions of pounds in high rents and power to turn people out of their homes, lining the pockets of the big financiers with higher interest rates on housing loans.

Very "successful" policy indeed for the landlords, the money-lenders and big business; but not for those desperately needing homes at reasonable rents.

Ask the housewives

Henry Brooke, Tory Housing Minister, should go and talk to some of the 3 million women who have to share a kitchen; or the families—nearly 7 million of them—who have no bathroom of their own; or all the women trying to bring up a family decently with no kitchen sink of their own to wash in.

In all the big cities where working people are crowded in damp, dark houses, great blocks of offices are springing np, built with all the latest techniques. It's very profitable building.

Why isn't housing treated like this, with the same urgency, the same modern methods?

New homes like these should be going up everywhere.

MAKE HOUSING A NATIONAL PRIORITY

The Tories on the councils and in the Government will never do this. They say it costs too much—what they mean of course is that there isn't enough profit in it. High prices and high rents are what they want. The housing shortage they've created pushes up rents, and helps them to let the dirtiest, oldest accommodation. They'll never solve the housing shortage. Their whole disgraceful record bears this out.

And the Labour councils who carry out the Government policy, putting up rents and cutting down building, are only helping the Tories, instead of standing up for the people.

To get all the homes that the working people have a right to we've got to get big changes in policy. The only way to do this is to rouse public opinion, and fight for them, to get together and oppose every rent increase, and demand the money for housing.

This is what every local council ought to be doing.

that's where Communist Councillors would help

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COMMUNIST CANDIDATES

CONSTITUENCY: St.Pancras North CANDIDATE: Mr. Jock Nicolson

JOCK NICOLSON, a railwayman, was born in 1920 and educated at Woodside School, Hamilton, Lanarkshire. For 20 years he has been a member of the Communist Party and Communist Party organiser in Lanarkshire and Fife.

Mr. Nicolson has been elected to numerous positions by his workmates and is at present a member of the Executive Committee of the London District Council of the N.U.R. and is also a member of the London District Committee of the Communist Party. He contested St.Pancras North in 1955.

CONSTITUENCY: Southwark. CANDIDATE: Mr. Joe Bent.

JOE BENT, aged 39, has lived in Southwark since he was a boy. During the war he served with the 14th Army in South-East Asia Command. He joined the Communist Party in 1941 and is now a member of its London District Committee.

Soon after the war he helped to organise a number of tenants associations, and his specialised knowledge of building work has enabled the Southwark Communist Party to give advice to hundreds of families and to force Landlords to carry out essential repairs after years of neglect.

Mr.Bent has been an active member of the Walworth branch of the National Federation of Old Age Pensioners' Associations since its foundation.

CONSTITUENCY: Stepney CANDIDATE: Mr. Solly Kaye.

SOLLY KAYE, 45 year old East Londoner and Stepney Borough Councillor since 1956, is a member of the Transport and General Workers Union, the London Co-operative Society, and is on the London District Committee of the Party.

He was arrested on a number of occasions in pre-war years for his leadership in the fight against Fascism and racial discrimination. Recently he went to Israel as a fraternal delegate to the Israeli Communist Congress.

Mr.Kaye is married and has two children.

CONSTITUENCY: Perry Barr, Birmingham. CANDIDATE: Mr.Bert Pearce.

BERT PEARCE, aged 39, was born and brought up in Wales. Twenty years ago he came to Birmingham where he has always been active in the local trade union movement and in the Communist Party of which he is now Birmingham City Secretary.

A member of the Clerical and Administrative Workers Union, he has served on its Area Council and as delegate to Birmingham Trades Council.

He contested Sparkbrook and Kingstanding Wards for the City Council. In 1955 he received a first-ever Communist vote for the Perry Barr parliamentary seat of 928.

Mr. Pearce is married with two children.

CONSTITUENCY: Durbarton East CANDIDATE: Mr.Arnold E.Henderson

ARNOLD HENDERSON, maintenance engineer, served his apprenticeship in a Clydeside shipyard. He has held positions of responsibility in the Labour Movement. He was shop stewards' convenor in John Brown's shipyard and for many years shop stewards' delegate to the District Committee of his union, the Amalgamated Engineering Union.
He is the president of his union branch and delegate to the Trades Council. For several years he was Chairman of the Trades Council and represented it as a delegate to the Scottish Trades Union Congress for a considerable period.
He is at present a Town Councillor in Clydebank, a position he has held continuously since 1945, with the exception of one year.
For over 12 years he has represented the Town Council on Dumbarton County Council, and all that time was a member of the County Education Committee.
He contested the Durbarton East in 1951 and 1955.